Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : ഈ പരിഷ്കാരമെല്ലാം കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലത്തിൽ നടപ്പാക്കിയതാണ്.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : Will the honourable member give an idea of the main recommendations of the Committee which were already carried out?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : The courses of studies were re-organised and the period for the training of the Vaidyan has been extended from three to five years. A new syllabus was prepared and in order to fit in with that syallabus a committee was appointed to re-write the text-books based on the ancient texts. A central herbarium was started with a view to rearing and exhibiting specimens of rare medicines. Special courses in nethra chikitsa, Visha Vaidyam and Marma Chikitsa have been started. The several local Ayurvedic Institutions, which were located in the different parts of the city, have been now housed in one and the same premises so that more efficient control and supervision might be possible at the hands of the Director. There is a proposal to re-organise the grant-in-aid vaidysalas ; the useless vaidyans will be eliminated and qualified men will be substituted. These are some of the items of reforms we have introduced.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*) : Is there any provision for Siddha Vaidyam?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : Yes.

Opening of temporary Ayurveda Vaidyasalas during Makaravilakku Festival.

4. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of temporary Vaidyasalas opened in connection with the Makaravilakku festival and the places at which they are opened ;

(*b*) the number of pilgrims who were treated in those Vaidyasalas during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 ;

(*c*) for how many days these Vaidyasalas are kept open ;

(*d*) the dates from which they are opened ;

(*e*) whether the present supply of Ayurvedic medicines meets the demand of the pilgrims ; and

(*f*) the amount sanctioned for each Vaidyasala for the above three years ?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : (*a*) Vaidyasalas were opened at Erumeli, Pampa and Shabarimala.

(*b*) The number of pilgrims treated in the Vaidyasalas was as follows :—

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Year	*Erumeli*	*Pampa*	*Sabarimala.*
1118	4307	5082	4567
1119	5315	5794	4795
1120	6228	6494	6001

(*c*) and (*d*) The Vaidyasalas are kept open every year for five days from the 23rd, 26th and 27th Dhanu respectively.

(*e*) There were reports from Vaidyans in charge of them at Pampa and Sabarimala that medicines supplied were not adequate enough to meet the requirements.

(*f*) The following amounts were sanctioned for the three Vaidyasalas :—

Year	*Erumeli*			*Pampa*			*Sabarimala*		
	Rs.	Ch.	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.
1118	50	0	0	130	0	0	160	0	0
1119	60	0	0	182	14	0	167	14	0
1120	50	0	0	200	0	0	180	0	0

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : With reference to items (*c*) and (*d*) may I know from the honourable member for how many days after the 1st Makaram the pilgrims are found at Sabarimala?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : It depends upon the convenience of the pilgrims.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether the Government are aware that till 7th Makaram the pilgrims in large numbers are expected to gather there?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : Some of them may be halting there. If the idea of the honourable member is to provide medical aid for them also arrangements will be made.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether the Government think that the amount allotted for each dispensary at Erumeli, Pampa, and Sabarimala is sufficient, when considering the thousands of people being treated by the Vaidyans in those places?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : Year after year the amount is being increased. The vaidyans have reported that some more medicines should be sent and they will be sent next year.

Mosquito control work.

5. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of grant given to the Corporation of Trivandrum for mosquito control work for each of the last four years?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker : Rs. 3,882 for each of the last four years.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai : May I know whether the Government are aware that the Corporation of Trivandrum is spending thrice the amount of grant given by Government.

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